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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 3859

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, PINT, PGOV

SUBJ: VOTING ROLLS BEING DESTROYED

REF: SANTIAGO 5696, NOV. 19, 1973

1. REFTEL REPORTED ISSUANCE OF DECREE LAW 130 WHICH INVALIDATED VOTING LISTS AND SUSPENDED NEW VOTER REGISTRATION.
2. MIN. INTERIOR DECREE IN DIARIO OFFICIAL JULY 2 AUTHORIZES DIRECTOR OF ELECTORAL REGISTRY TO SELL VOTING LISTS AS WASTE PAPER AND TO DEPOSIT PROCEEDS OF SALE IN TREASURY. ACTUAL REMOVAL OF LISTS BEGAN MORNING JULY 2 UNDER ARMED POLICE GUARD.
3. JUNTA PRESS SPOKESMAN WILLOUGHBY TOLD REPORTERS JULY 1 THAT VOTING LISTS WERE "DEFECTIVE" AND HAD TO BE DESTROYED. "SOME YEARS FROM NOW, WHEN IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO HOLD ELECTIONS, STUDIES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO AVOID THE DEFECTS WHICH THESE VOTING LISTS AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATIONS CONTAINED." DESCRIBING REPORTS THAT POLITICAL PARTIES ARE SEEKING TO RAISE FUNDS AND TO SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS AS A "SWINDLE," WILLOUGHBY NOTED THAT "JUST RE-REGISTERING VOTERS IS AN EFFORT THAT WILL TAKE YEARS."
4. COMMENT: ABOVE ACTIONS SHOULD ELIMINATE ANY LINGERING DOUBTS THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE OR EVEN COULD BE HELD IN ANY NEAR FUTURE. DEFECTS IN QUESTION ARE DOUBLE REGISTRATIONS WHICH ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN WIDESPREAD PRECEDING MARCH 1973 CONGRES-

SIONAL ELECTION. MOVES STRENGTHEN HAND OF THOSE, PRINCIPALLY  
RIGHT-WING GREMIALISTAS, WHO HAVE OPPOSED IDEA OF ELECTIONS, ON  
GROUNDS THEY WOULD BE A RETURN TO POLITICKING WHICH BROUGHT CHILE  
TO PRESENT STATE OF RUIN.  
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